

Study Guide Chapter 24

165. What does Mr. Antolini see in Holden's future? What is this foreshadowing?
166. In Holden's Oral Expression class, it bugged him that "Digression" wasn't allowed. Why does that make TOTAL sense when considering Holden?
167. What is Holden's physical state in this chapter?
168. What are the benefits of education as Mr. Antolini sees them?
169. Did Antolini make a pass at Holden? Explain why you believe as you do.
170. IF, and I say IF, he did make a pass at Holden, how does Holden's reaction (running away) make you feel about Holden's questions about his sexuality?

Study Guide Chapter 25

171. Where does Holden spend the rest of the night and how is he doing?
172. What is the "very spooky" thing that happens to Holden?
173. What do you think is really happening to him?
174. Why does Holden want to be a deaf-mute?

175. What depresses Holden at Phoebe's school? Why?
176. What happens in the tomb? Why is this significant?
177. What is Phoebe's reaction to Holden's going away?
178. How does Holden become a "catcher" in this chapter?
179. Why does Holden feel so happy he feels like crying at the end of this chapter?
180. In realizing that he cannot erase all the profanity, what does that REALLY mean symbolically for Holden? What has he REALLY realized about being a catcher, growing up, etc?
181. Explain the significance of this quote in relation to what Holden finally appears to understand: "The thing with kids is, if they want to grab for the gold ring, you have to let them do it, and not say anything. If they fall off, they fall off..."

Study Guide Chapter 26

182. Where is Holden in this chapter? How do you know?
183. What do you think will happen to Holden? Why?